

## BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100—50—20 YEARS AGO.

(Taken From The Files of The Bridgeport Farmer)  
Edited by "OLD MAN GRUMP."

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

#### VENUE

To be sold, at public auction, on Monday, the 20th day of March next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, A. Grist Mill with four runs of "mill stones" of a superior quality, and the appurtenances belonging thereto, together with a Dwelling-House; it will be sold either separate or together as may best suit the parties. The venue will be at said dwelling house at Bridgeport (so called) in Stratford. The Red Mill is so situated that any vessel of 60 or 70 tons burden may load or unload at the Mill. It is about one mile north of the Borough of Bridgeport, with a sufficient title to the same. Conditions to be made known at the time and place of the sale.

ASA BENJAMIN, Auctioneer  
Feb. 5th, 1915.

**FOR SALE**—Two second hand light top chairs, with plated harness. Apply to ASA CURTIS, who has on hand a good assortment of saddles, bridles and harness of superior quality.

Stratford, Feb. 6th, 1915.

### 30 DOLLARS REWARD.

For thief and goods and money, or a reasonable reward for the thief. The store of the subscriber was broken open on the night of the 1st inst., and taken out about 30 dollars in cash, some goods, an assortment of ribbons, yellow, black, red, green, white and other colors, pins and needles by the dozen, cotton balls, shirt buttons, bodice and some other articles; a small old English Watch, an old fashioned brass chain, seal and key, a small piece broke out of one side of the face. Whoever will take up the thief or thieves and property lost, and secure them so the owner can get them shall be entitled to the above reward.

N. B.—All persons indebted to the subscriber are requested to make immediate payment or their accounts will be put in the hands of an attorney for collection.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO.

#### SAVE YOUR WOOD ASHES.

Cash will be paid for dry, unleached wood ashes, that have never been exposed to the weather, at the rate of one dollar fifty cents per cord, at the end of the Washington Bridge (toll free).

BEACH HALL  
(Riverville, opposite Stratford.)

### MASQUERADERS.

#### ARE YOU READY?

G. Gardner, the costumer, has arrived and is located at the City Hotel, where he has a supply of fancy dresses and fixings, sufficient to equip in gorgeous style all who wish to make one night only to sink their individuality in the tinselled fabrics of a king, prince, courtier, queen, duchess, or any other incognito they are disposed to assume, grand, comical or sinister. The collection is the largest ever brought to this city and many of the outfits are already spoken for. The indications now are that the masquerade will be considered ahead of anything of the kind ever before attempted in this city and the manager is sparing no efforts to make it select, attractive, odd and amusing.

### THE SEAMSTRESS BALL.

The great ball of the season is to come off at Franklin Hall on Wednesday evening and will be one of the best managed and most enjoyable balls ever given in this city. The first annual ball (the one of last year) was a perfect success and met with the approval of the ball-going public. The managers intend to improve on that great success and we know they will do so. It will be a select and agreeable gathering of the best class of the patrons and admirers of the salubrious art.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO.

#### LOOKING BACKWARDS.

The ice in the harbor which was broken yesterday by the tug, was stronger to-day than yesterday. In places where the ice was broken yesterday a new coat of fairly fine ice in thickness formed during the night. There are many no doubt who will remember the intense cold which prevailed hereabouts the winter of '75. Just 20 years ago to-morrow night (40 years ago the present date), the old steamship Laura which ran for many years between New York and this city, made her trip up in the face of great difficulties. The Sound was full of floating ice. Capt. McNeil who was in charge of the Laura at that time has the following to say: "I'll never forget Feb. 8, '75. It was a bitter cold day and when we left New York we calculated on reaching here about 7:30 p. m. We fell in behind the Continental which was running to New Haven. We followed her as far as Norwalk when she took a different course. A high wind was blowing and the cakes of ice dashing against the port required all our efforts to keep her headed for the port. It was 1:30 the next morning before we reached Bridgeport. We were then tied up here for 18 days. No such weather had been known for 30 years. Not a single boat arrived or departed from this port for three weeks. Finally on the 18th day we steamed out for New York and it took us almost seven hours to make the trip."

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### BARRISTERS' BANQUET.

The County Bar association will enjoy a banquet at the Atlantic Hotel this evening. The list of speakers include Judge D. B. Lockwood, Judge W. E. Kelsey, F. W. Tracy, W. H. Comley, Elmore S. Banks, Sidney N. Lockwood, John H. Perry, John C.

### CABRIOLET TYPE OF ROADSTER IS HERE TO STAY

The cabriolet type of roadster will surely supplant a majority of the old style roadsters within a few years is the opinion of C. A. Emise, vice-president and sales manager of the Chandler Motor Car Company. Mr. Emise cites the superior advantages and comfort of the recently adopted European type of body as sufficient reason for his claim.

"In the past ten years no body style has appeared on the market which has won such instant popular approval as the three-passenger cabriolet or all-year-around car," says Mr. Emise. "Each season finds a larger proportion of motor car owners who keep their cars running throughout the winter months. Protection against sleet and cold is, of course, necessary to the motorist, who places any value on bodily comfort."

"In the former years an owner of a passenger roadster had the choice of substituting an expensive and oftentimes heavy coupe body, or getting through the winter with the wretchedly afforded by adjustable curtains. Today, at a very slight increase in cost, he can purchase a completely equipped car that is really two automobiles in one."

"Outside of the amuse of the transfer of open and closed bodies and the loss of the car's use for a week or so, on the ordinary type of body, the cabriolet because of its light weight contributes largely to the long life of the tires. From my experiences of the past season I confidently believe that the cabriolet sales of the next few years will far outstrip the sale of roadsters as we have known them for real utility and convenience."

The Chandler distributor in Bridgeport is the West End Auto and Carriage company of which Thomas Morrissey is president.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Ruth Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barnes, of 800 Hartford street, announced her engagement to Herbert R. Tucker of Rock Hill, South Carolina and formerly of this city, at a card party at her home on Saturday afternoon. The party was ostensibly in honor of Miss Adelaide Pons of Milford and it was not until the snappers were pulled at the end of the luncheon that the secret was revealed. Miss Barnes who was graduated from the local High school in 1911 and from the City Normal school in 1912, is a teacher at Kossuth street school. Mr. Tucker is formerly a permanent of the boys department of the Y. M. C. A. of this city and is now doing community service work for the Rock Hill Y. M. C. A. Both Miss Barnes and Mr. Tucker are exceedingly popular in this city. The house was prettily decorated for the occasion in honor of St. Valentine. The guests were intimate friends of Miss Barnes and included the Misses Dorothy Bulard, Ethel Logan, Marion Allen, Elizabeth Preston, Marion Hopkins, Helen Libby, Bula Toucy, Ruth, Marion and Bessie Rose and Mrs. Hubert Provost.

Miss Grace Dailymple Clarke has issued invitations to a students' recital to be held in the assembly room of the Stratfield hotel on Saturday afternoon, February 13, at 3:30 o'clock. The Woman's Relief Corps of the G. A. R. will meet on Thursday of this week. The Rev. G. O. Famblyn of Olivet Congregational church will be present. It is especially desired that all members be present at 2:30 promptly as new members are to be initiated. A number of little girls helped Miss Ada McGovern celebrate her eight birthday on Saturday at a pretty party given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McGovern, 34 Ann street. Many games and a number of songs passed the afternoon and a dainty luncheon was served before the little guests departed for their homes. A large birthday cake with seven brightly burning candles occupied the center of the table and bouquets of pink and white carnations further added to the decorations. Those who were present at the party were Ruth and Eleanor Coughlin, Helen and Alice Hourigan, Virginia McGovern, Frances and Catherine Donegan, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Hourigan, Miss O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. McGrath, Mr. and Mrs. McGovern.

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### NEW HAMPSHIRE SHOWS HIGHEST DEATH RATE

Washington, Feb. 8.—A death rate in 1913 of 14.1 per 1,000 of the estimated population in the registration area of the United States compared with 13.9 per 1,000 in 1912, is shown today in a report by the census bureau. The number of deaths in the registration area containing about three-fourths of the population was approximately 890,948.

Washington state showed the lowest rate, being 8.5 per 1,000, while New Hampshire's was the highest with 17.1 per 1,000. The lowest rate shown in 1913 of the 50 registration cities with populations of 100,000 or over in 1910 was that for Seattle, which was 8.4, while Memphis showed the highest with 20.8.

The average age at death for both sexes from all causes combined was 39.8; for males alone 39.2, for females 40.6.

The death rate from tuberculosis declined from 149.5 per 100,000 population in 1912 to 147.6 in 1913. The rate from cancer rose from 63 per 100,000 in 1910 to 78.9 in 1913. The number of suicides was 9,998, the rate being 15.8 per 100,000 compared with 16 per cent. in 1912.

### PARK CITY LODGE BUYS HOME

Park City Lodge, I. O. O. F., have purchased a three-story frame building on Housatonic avenue recently used as a branch office of the Bridgeport Brass company and previously as a club room for the St. Patrick T. A. and B. association. It will be refitted to house the lodge, the kitchen and banquet rooms in the basement and first floor, lodge rooms on the second floor and dance and social hall on the third story.

### "SCOUT SUNDAY" SERVICE DRAWS BIG ATTENDANCE.

"Scout Sunday" was duly observed yesterday by some 250 Boy Scouts, who gathered at Warner Hall, with their band to listen to speaking and render a vocal and instrumental program that had been prepared. Among those who addressed the body were Scout Masters Louis Cope and Robert Cunningham. Scout Commissioner C. S. Ripley of Hartford, was the principal speaker of the day. Scout Master Stanley N. Beane rendered vocal selections.

At 8 o'clock tonight Troop No. 11, Boy Scouts, will hold a meeting in the King's Highway church to celebrate their fifth anniversary. The program for the evening will include reading of past enterprises, demonstration of scout activities and games and drills. The public has been invited to attend.

### RUSSIAN SUICIDES FALL OFF.

Petrograd, Feb. 8.—Police reports for the past year from Warsaw show that the number of suicides there has decreased one-third, notwithstanding the thousands of starving refugees who have crowded the city since the beginning of the war. The number of suicides last year was 671, against 1,003 for the previous year.

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### MARQUIS OF LONDON-DERRY, ULSTER LEADER, IS DEAD

ublin, Feb. 8.—The Marquis of Londonderry died today of pneumonia.

The Marquis of Londonderry was one of the foremost leaders of the Ulster movement and a successful member of the British Bar. Born in Ulster 52 years ago he was graduated from Trinity College, Dublin, which he represented in parliament. His first preferment under the government came in 1892 when he was made solicitor-general for Ireland.

He was one of the largest land owners in Great Britain, holding title to 50,000 acres. Lord Londonderry was married in 1875 to a daughter of the Earl of Shrewsbury. They had two children, a son and a daughter.

### DECLARE AUSTRIAN TROOPS HAVE ENTERED RUMANIA

Paris, Feb. 8.—Austrian troops have violated the Rumanian frontier near Turn Svrain, the Journal is informed in a despatch from its Rish correspondent. "The Austrians are reported to have opened fire on frontier guards who attempted to oppose their passage and a furious fight followed. Strong reinforcements came to the help of the Rumanians and after a three hour struggle the Austrians are reported to have been driven back across the line with a considerable number of wounded."

If the Austrians had captured Turn Svrain the correspondent says, they would have had complete command of Kladovo, the only place in Serbia on the Danube permitting communication with Rumania.

The incident, which occurred several days ago, has not been followed up by either side, the Journal's report states.

### FORM "NEVER-FORGET LEAGUE"

London, Feb. 8.—London has organized the "Never Forget League." Its purpose is to aid soldiers and sailors who find themselves out of employment when the war is over. Thirty thousand leaflets of the organization have been distributed, and fifteen thousand persons have already promised to wear the purple ribbon of the league, binding themselves to support the men who return from the front just as loyally as they are supporting them now.

### BAVARIAN TROOPS THRIFFY.

Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 8.—Bavarian troops serving on the western front sent home \$5,000,000 of their pay for deposit in savings banks during the first five months of the war, according to postal statistics published in Munich.

### OATS ARE COMMANDEERED.

Cairo, Feb. 8.—The Turkish authorities have issued orders for the commandeering of several hundred cats in Syria. They are needed to protect the vast stores of grain and provisions in the military depots from the incursions of mice and rats.



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